**5th Grade Chit-Chat**

There is so much that we do in 5th grade! There is never a dull moment! I will be sending home a newsletter towards the end of each month to describe what we are doing in class and about the material have covered that month. I will also highlight the important topics that we will focus on in the following month.

The students are starting to get back into the school routine, though I think they are all sad that the summer break is over. This week we spent time in class getting to know each other. Through different activities, we found a lot of similarities and differences among the students, as well as myself. We also spent time going over the rules and procedures for my class.

**Reading**: In reading this week the class focused on establishing Reading Workshop. We discussed what reading workshop should sound and look like. We also focused on how students can select books they will enjoy reading, and how to preview a book. Next week we will continue to talk about reading workshop.

**Writing**: I wrote the students a class letter that told them about myself. After reviewing the parts of a letter each student wrote me a letter back. It was a great way for me to see the students as writers and to learn about them. Next week we will talk about the steps of writing and how to create a writing outline.

**Math**: In math class we focused on place value. Students practiced writing numbers in standard form, word form and expanded form. Next week they will compare numbers in the billions!

**Social Studies**-We focused on the differences between continents, countries, and states. We also talked about the differences between cardinal and ordinal directions. Next week students will have a quiz on the information they learned.

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***Related Arts Schedule…***

Day 1- Library

Day 2- Art

Day 3- Gym

Day 4- Computers

Day 5- Music

Day 6- Conflict Resolution

***Upcoming Events…***

Sept. 2nd and 5th- No School

Sept. 13th- Back to School Night

Sept. 16th- Early dismissal

Sept. 20th- Midterm



***Odds and Ends…***

It has been a great week! I really enjoyed getting to know each child! It is going to be a great year packed full of learning.

I believe in open communication. Feel free to email me at any point in the year with your questions or concerns.